Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science, Lucknow

3909. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India propose to take over the multi crore prestigious Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science, Lucknow, which is catering Super Specialities in medical care on account of PGI's failure at health care as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated the 8th August, 1994;

(b) whether Government are aware that many of the faculty Members are in favour of handing over of PGI to the Centre or privatizing it to save it from premature death;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government of India thereto and particularly to over 50 ultra modern equipment imported from Japan lying unused for want of repairs etc.; and

(d) what are the details of the allocations of funds sanctioned during the first three years of the Eighth Plan, Yearwise and how much funds the Institute generated from internal resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow is under the administrative control of Government of Uttar Pradesh, who are to take necessary action depending on the availability of resources.

C.G.H.S. Facilities to Pensioners

3910. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the C.G.H.S. Facilities have also been extended to persons retired from the Government services;

(b) whether this scheme is contributory; if so, what is the schedule of contribution;

(c) whether C.G.H.S. beneficiaries have to contribute for availing of these facilities;

(d) if so, what is the schedule of contribution, Grade and amolumentwise;

(e) whether it is a fact that the rate of contribution have increased from Rs. 5/ p.m. to Rs. 25/ p.m. for availing of these facilities by the pensioners; and

(f) if so, whether Government propose to fix these rates as per rates fixed for working employees; if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a), (c) and (e) Yes, Sir.

(b), (d) and (f) The schedule of contribution is as follows:

Pay range	Rate of contribution per month
Up to 1200	5
1201 to 1500	10
1501 to 1800	15
1881 to 2500	20
2501 to 3200	25
3201 to 4000	30
4001 to 5000	40
Above 5000	50

Regional Medical Research Centre (ICMR) at Dibrugarh

3911. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research has recently received a detailed representation regarding serious mal-treatment and inhuman behaviour mated out to a visitor who stayed in Guest House of its Regional Medical Research Centre, Dibrugarh (RMRC) in March/April, 1994 as per his stay sanctioned by Director General him self, if so, details thereof;

(b) what action has so far been taken on said representation; and

(c) whether Government propose an independent probe/enquiry by some senior officers other than those in the concerned RMRC to reach a fair conclusion and punish the guilty to act as deterrent for checking such recurrences in further; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) ICMR are taking appropriate action in the matter.

Steps for Eradication of Leprosy

3912. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of leprosy patients in the country;

(b) whether steps are being taken to eradicate leprosy;

(c) if so, the year by which leprosy is likely to be eradicated;

(d) the steps taken for the proper treatment, after treatment training and then rehabilitation of leprosy patients; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) It is estimated that there are about nine (9) lakhs leprosy patients in the country.

(b) and (c) Government of India have launched a National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) with the objective of elimination of leprosy by the year 2000 A.D. by reducing the incidence to less than 1 per 10000 population.

(d) and (e) Under NLEP antileprosy treatment, reconstructive surgery and deformity and ulcer care services are provided to all the leprosy patients free of cost. A Pilot Rehabilitation Project has been formulated which *inter-alia* envisages vocational training and initial one time financial support for those needing rehabilitation.

Financial Assistance to Medical conferences

3913. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of medical conferences of national and state level to whom financial assistance was given during the last three years;

(b) what is the total amount of assistance given in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have avaluated the utility of such conferences and such grants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House

Closing Down the C.G.H.S. Dispensary at Inderpuri, New Delhi

3914. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have suddenly decided to close down the CGHS dispensary located at Inderpuri, New Delhi110012;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that it will cause great inconveniance and hardship to nummerous Central Government employees, their dependents and to the Central Government pensioners; and

(d) if so, whether Government will rescind their decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Wardha

3915. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of irregularities have taken place in the Pre-Medical Admission Test Results of 1994 of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Savagram, District Wardha in Maharashtra which is financed by Government;

(b) whether a number of students and their parents have complained about the irregularities;